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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with MPEP § 601 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney bring the following information listed on Form PTO-1449, filed concurrently herewith, to the attention of the Examiner.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Publication Date</u> (MM/DD/YYYY)	<u>Country</u>
B1	JP H07-223831 A	08/22/1995	JPO
B2	JP H11-100121 A	04/13/1999	JPO
B3	JP 2002-308422 A	10/23/2002	JPO
B4	JP 2002-308423 A	10/23/2002	JPO

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent document listed on Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith. An English abstract for each of Japanese references B1-B4 is also submitted.

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